

Peace Proposals Arouse Strong Opposition in Entente Capitals, Which Regard Them as Influenced by Germany

APPEALS BOARD OPENS POLITICAL "PULL"

Court for Second Philadelphia District, in Organizing, Warns Against Such Attempts

CLAIMS MUST BE DIRECT

Communications From "Leaders" and Business Interests Will Be Disregarded

Philadelphia who are seeking exemptions from the new National Army today were warned that the influence of prominent politicians or business men will be worthless.

This warning was issued by the Second District Appeal Board within a half hour after it organized in the office of its chairman, Walter Willard, Lincoln Building.

APPEALS CASES FIRST

Although Chairman Willard declined to discuss the flood of exemption claims, it was apparent that the board will not treat the exemption claimants with kid gloves.

During an informal discussion which followed the organization of the First District Appeal Board will not take place this week, as President Wilson has not appointed a successor for Joseph T. Bailey, who found that he would not be able to serve on the board.

MANY TAKE APPEALS

Many of the men who have been refused exemption by the local boards have signified the intention of taking their cases before one of the two appeal boards in the city.

Several of the local boards have received complaints from men asking exemptions that notaries have charged fees ranging from 50 cents, the legal fee, up to \$2.50.

INDUSTRIAL CLAIMS DECREASE

While there have been a great many claims for exemption on industrial grounds, the number of claims asked for on this ground is rapidly decreasing, owing to the fact that information as to what employment furnishes grounds for exemption is getting to be thoroughly understood by the drafted men.

It is probable that Director of Public Safety Wilson will ask the officials at Washington to exempt the entire body of policemen who are subject to the draft.



Photo by International Film Service. BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM A. MANN General Mann, who is chief of the military bureau, has been selected as divisional commander of the Forty-second Division, which has been ordered to prepare for France and will be the next American force to see service across seas.

Allies May Reject Pope's Proposals

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stand firmly together in not accepting the Pope's peace offer. It was pointed out, the general trend of the offer so far as it has been outlined to the State Department contains a number of propositions to which the United States could not assent.

TEUTON ASSENT LOOKED FOR

Intimations that Germany and Austria-Hungary will accept the Vatican's peace proposals and place the burden of rejection, if they are to be rejected, on the United States and the Entente Powers reached Washington today.

AGAINST STATUS QUO ANTE

According to this official the President will outline in simplest terms why America cannot accept a status quo ante peace. "Our situation is this," the official said.

HINT OF GERMAN WEAKNESS

Authorities realize that, coming from the Pope, the offer carries a weight which German "feelers" and "made in Germany" peace suggestions have lacked; that the offer will stir pacific sentiment, and cause the thinking world to pause in reflection, at least.

The State Department said recently the world would hearken thoughtfully to any bona fide peace offer.

The Pope, it is believed, has the maximum and minimum Teuton terms. His suggestions, manifestly unacceptable to either the Allied or American standard in some respects, could be used as a basis of negotiations, it is held.

On the other hand the Pope's proposal could be so altered as to permit of territorial readjustments satisfactory to the President and the Entente and preventive of future trouble.

One thing that makes the Pope's offer more difficult of handling here is the fact that he advocates things for which the President himself has stood.

Entente diplomats here are virtually unanimous in regarding anything other than rejection of the offer.

British diplomats say that Belgium, France, Serbia and Rumania must be actually evacuated before peace discussion can start.

At the Italian Embassy it was stated that the Italian Catholic party, recently spoke its country's convictions when he said: "Peace cannot come as a result of the decision of a few and cannot come from persons with sentimental or fallacious ideas which they pretend to impose on the historical reality."

The Vatican move should be taken seriously, perhaps as the most serious peace move yet made.

TEXT NOT YET AT CAPITAL

The formal note had not reached the State department up to midforenoon today. There was an official suggestion that it might not be delivered to the United States Government, though the authority for this intimation said he had not had any advice to show that such was the case.

CONDITIONS IMPOSSIBLE, ENTENTE BELIEVES; FEARS EFFECT UPON RUSSIANS

LONDON, Aug. 15. The eyes of officialdom of the Allies turned to Russia and America today—not to Rome.

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peace conditions. President Wilson is regarded as having outlined the aims for which America is fighting in language which the entire world can understand.

While the official text of the Pope's proposals is still unavailable, the unofficial intimations of it here give the impression that it is in reality a plea for establishment of the status quo as the first basis of peace.

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The proposals of his holiness are regarded as ill-timed, despite the good intentions he may have in advancing them.

The general impression in England is that his peace message is of German inspiration, furnished through Austria, although there is a disposition to withhold final judgment for the present.

Although the terms, as outlined from unofficial sources, are generally along lines which have been regarded as acceptable to Germany under present military conditions, it is noted that they go farther than any Germany has so far put forth.

PRESS SCOFFS AT OFFER

Under the heading "The Great Peace Offensive" the Evening Standard this afternoon says:

"The Pope's appeal shows that Germany is working with might and main to force peace before the full weight of the United States is felt on the battlefield. The Pope must be singularly ill-informed as to the state of public feeling among the Allies."

The Westminster Gazette deprecates the hasty assumption that the Pope's appeal is the result of German intrigue, but points out the futility of such proposals so long as Germany approves of the Kaiser's declaration to former Ambassador Gerard that there is "no longer any international law."

LEWIS WANTS CONGRESS TO LEAVE PEACE MOVE TO PRESIDENT WILSON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. Senator Lewis, of Illinois, Democratic whip, today introduced a resolution intended to place the responsibility for the conduct of peace negotiations.

POPE GREATEST NEUTRAL FIGURE, SAYS FARLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. Emphasizing that the Pope could not be influenced to favor any nation, Cardinal Farley today said he would watch the outcome of the Vatican's peace proposals "with the most acute concern."

ROME NOT TO PUBLISH TEXT TILL TOMORROW

ROME, Aug. 15. The Vatican desires that the text of the Pope's peace appeal reach all governments before it is given to the public.

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CHINA PUSHES WAR PLANS DESPITE PEACE OFFER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. The Pope's peace move will not be permitted to interfere with China's military preparations. It was stated at the Chinese Legation today.

HARDEN WANTS ALSACE AND TRIESTE RETURNED

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 15. Maximilian Harden's suppressed Zukunft reappeared today and advised the restoration of Alsace to France and Trieste to Italy if a durable peace is to be secured.

NEW JERSEY TROOPS GET BAD AMMUNITION

Large Percentage Fails to Explode and Is Considered Dangerous

CAMP EDGE, Sea Girt, N. J., Aug. 15. Defective ammunition discovered among supplies furnished to the State by the Government, is being tested here, to ascertain just what its defects are, prior to making State demands on the Federal Government for replenishment of stock found worthless.

Car Jumps Track, Delays Traffic

Hundreds of workers were delayed more than half an hour, and traffic was blocked in both directions today when a Nineteenth street car jumped the track at Ridge avenue.

Block Parties for Red Cross

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